

Many years ago, I worked as a maintenance service worker in provincial government buildings in Calgary. My job was to repair, maintain and install mechanical and other equipment that kept the buildings operational in summer and winter. So, I have a pretty good idea what school custodians have to deal with, which conveniently leads into this next story about . . .

Lipstick on the Mirrors

A junior high school was faced with a unique problem. A number of girls were beginning to use lipstick and would put it on in the bathroom. That was fine, but after they put on their lipstick, they would press their lips to the mirror leaving dozens of little lip prints.

Finally, the principal decided that something had to be done. She called all the girls to the bathroom and met them there with the custodian. She explained that all these lip prints were causing a major problem for the custodian who had to clean the mirrors every day.

To demonstrate how difficult, it was to clean the mirrors, she asked the custodian to clean one of the mirrors.

He took out a long-handled squeegee, dipped it into a toilet and then cleaned the lip prints off the mirror.

Since then, there have been no lip prints on the mirrors.